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COMMITTEE WILL MEET JANUARY 2ND

Chairman Walter Brown Issues Call for State Central Committee to Meet—Taft Men Make the Move to Block Foraker Attempts to Steal a Few Delegates to the National Convention.

Toledo, O., Dec. 21.—The Republican State Central committee will meet January 2, at Columbus, for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding the republican state convention and the method of choosing delegates. The call was issued by Chairman Walter Brown, Saturday. The call was precipitated by the action of the tenth district congressional committee Friday, at Portsmouth, in which the Foraker members of the committee insisted that the county central committees be permitted to appoint the delegates

The committee deadlocked. In the efforts of the Foraker faction to secure the appointment of delegates by county central committees, the Taft leaders profess to see the uncovering of Foraker's hand, by which the senior senator expected to capture two national delegates from the tenth district. The move was met promptly, Saturday, by the issue of the call for the state central committee. The early date set for the meeting will, the Taft leaders believe, effectively block any further attempt to play the same game.

TAFT AND ROOSEVELT GET THEIR HEADS TOGETHER

The War Secretary Returns to Washington and Holds a Conference With the President—Future Policy of the Government on Several Questions is Agreed Upon and Outlined.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Taft returned to Washington Friday night and had a two hours' conference with President Roosevelt, which lasted until midnight. Many important details of the future intended policy of the United States were agreed upon and will be urged by the secretary of war before the committee of congress by the express orders of the president.

Results of the conference which was sought by telephone by the president, are the following: The coast defenses of the United States must be brought up promptly to their most efficient standard. Subjugation must be placed on a basis of practically impregnable defense. The ten thousand members of the coast artillery which are still lacking must be immediately supplied; the army in general must be filled to its normal strength.

The Philippines must be guarded against any enemy for the next 30 years. The Philippines are not now and will not be for a generation capable of self government, and that it is for the United States to hold the Philippines against any nation.

That \$35,000,000 will be necessary for the coast defenses of the United States and that a large part of the sum could be well expended in the Philippines in Manila or Subig bay. That the Chinese sentiment is more American than Japanese. That the secretary of war preferred to ignore the invitation of the

kaiser and made his engagements to suit the czar. That every effort of the secretary of war will be used to increase the strength of the army, to look after the old soldiers and to make every one of the 32 coast defense ports of the United States impregnable to a foreign enemy. That there shall be the closest cooperation between the army and the navy in all matters affecting the welfare of the United States, the secretary of war standing explicitly for the policy of dispatching the Atlantic fleet to the Pacific coast. That the present attitude of the United States towards Japan is amply justified and that there shall be no legislation adverse to Japan if Japan will take care of the immigration with ample guarantees to the United States against the importation of Japanese labor. That the president will stand by Taft as the presidential candidate until it is shown by the declaration of state delegations that Taft is no longer in the running.

Secretary Taft arrived here about 6 p. m. Every newspaper man in town was awaiting him in the railroad station. He was accompanied to Washington by newspaper men who had met him in New York and pursued him to Washington.

In the station he was suave and noncommittal. In fact, he declared he could formally have nothing to say. It was only after his talk with the president Friday night that his utterances would have more than a speculative value as to an envoy extraordinary of the president to foreign ports.

TROOPS ORDERED TO LEAVE GOLDFIELD, DECEMBER 30

President Roosevelt Refuses to Allow Federal Soldiers to Remain in the Mining District to do Police Duty for Which the State Should Provide—No Signs of Trouble in the District.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt has directed the withdrawal on Dec. 30, next, of the United States troops stationed at Goldfield, Nev.

Telegrams on which the decision to withdraw the troops is based were given out at the White House yesterday. The first under date of December 17, directed to Governor Sparks of Nevada and signed by the president, reads: "I sent the troops at your request, because from the tenor of your telegrams, and from the

representations made to me by the two senators from Nevada, and the members of the lower house of congress from Nevada, it appeared that an insurrection was imminent against which the state authorities would be powerless. The troops have now been in Goldfield ten days and no insurrection has occurred and seemingly no circumstances exist to justify your now calling on me for action by the troops under the provision of the constitution.

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WANTS TO INVESTIGATE RECENT MINE HORRORS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Scott today introduced a resolution calling for the appointment of a joint congressional commission to investigate the causes of the recent mine disasters in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

TAFT IS A STAYER

Says He Will Remain in President Roosevelt Official Family.

Washington, Dec. 21.—It is Secretary Taft's present intention to remain in the cabinet. The president does not want him to leave and the secretary himself sees no reason why the fact that he is a candidate for the presidency should operate against his continuance as one of the president's official advisers.

Arthur I. Vorys, of Columbus, the secretary's campaign manager will again be in Washington tomorrow. Taft and Cannon met in the President's office today. When they emerged arm in arm, neither bore signs of punishment.

TENEMENT WRECKED

"Black Hand" Seeks Vengeance on an Italian Barber.

New York, Dec. 21.—"Black hand" agents exploded a bomb in a crowded tenement, which practically wrecked the entire building, seriously injured three children and endangered the lives of scores of others Saturday. A panic throughout the neighborhood followed.

Angelo Trascanti, a barber, whose family occupies the ground floor, was believed to have been the object of attack. The bomb was placed just outside his apartment. The walls fell across the bed in which Trascanti's three daughters were sleeping, and they were badly hurt.

MANY DROWNED

New Pontoon Bridge Collapses, Throwing Crowds Into the River.

Allahabad, India, Dec. 21.—The new pontoon bridge opened today at the junction of the Ganges and Jumna rivers, collapsed under the crowds. 100 were plunged into the water and many were drowned.

WILL FIGHT A DUEL

Permission for the Meeting Granted by Emperor Francis Joseph.

Budapest, Dec. 21.—As a result of an allegation of political dishonesty made against him during the sitting of parliament, the Hungarian premier, Dr. Kekerle, has challenged ex-Minister of Justice Polonyi to fight a duel with pistols. Seconds have been appointed, and the meeting will take place shortly.

As he is the premier of a country, the laws of which prohibit duelling, Dr. Kekerle requested Emperor Francis Joseph to grant him a dispensation to fight, as his majesty always does to his ministers or other high officials. The emperor granted the request.

This does not mean that approval of the conflict itself has been given, but that should the duel take place, the minister will not be punished. Efforts are being made to prevent the duel.

BELIEVE INSANE MAN BURIED A FORTUNE

Youngstown, Dec. 21.—A vain effort was made yesterday afternoon by deputy sheriffs to locate a supposed fortune buried by Lewis Sadler an insane farmer, who has been taken into custody at East Lewiston. They found the man's brother guarding the place with a gun, but no trace of the fortune was found.

Sadler is known to have had \$2500 in cash just before he was arrested.

CENTRAL AMERICAN PEACE CONFERENCE CLOSES

Washington, Dec. 21.—Follett speeches by Secretary Root, President Luis Anderson and Ambassador Creel of Mexico marked the close of the Central American peace conference which has been in session here for over a month and has agreed to and signed eight distinct conventions.

"All differences, all obstacles, all barriers to our happiness and prosperity, have been wiped out," President Anderson said, "and the new Central American brotherhood established upon a sound foundation."

"DEAD OR ALIVE"

This is the Order Sent Out to Surrounding Towns From Columbus.

Columbus, O., Dec. 21.—"Get him dead or alive" is order sent out from police headquarters today to all towns within a radius of 50 miles of the city with a request for the arrest of John Young, the negro who brutally assaulted Mrs. William Hershey, Friday.

DISASTER OF 1904

Threatened to be Repeated in Business Section of Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 21.—A fire, which threatened to repeat the conflagration of 1904, occurred today in the heart of the downtown business district, in the five story building occupied by Wilenzig Brothers and Company, wholesale millinery, and other manufacturing concerns. It spread to adjoining property. After one of the hardest fights in the history of the department, the firemen succeeded in getting the blaze under control with a loss of a quarter of a million.

BODIES OF DARR MINERS ARE HORRIBLY MANGLED

Twelve Bodies Minus Heads or Limbs are Recovered From the Main Shaft—Work of Rescue is Retarded by Black Damp and by the Wreckage Which Strews all Parts of the Mine.

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 21.—All the twelve bodies recovered from the Darr mine, are in a very bad condition, some without heads, others with the limbs entirely blown off and all frightfully mangled. Three were discovered this morning.

All of the bodies recovered have been found in the main entry. No attempts have yet been made to explore the side entries or butt entries or rooms, where over 200 bodies are supposed to be. The difficulty of rescue work is hourly increasing, as black damp is found in even greater quantities as the men forge forward. It will be possible that any more bodies can be recovered until this afternoon on account of the amount of wreckage strewn all along the main entrance leading to where the men are.

The force of the explosion was terrific tearing large wooden supports and thick planks like paper.

A hundred and fifty caskets will arrive here today.

LOOKS VERY LIKE A DEADLOCK IN THE TENTH

Republican Congressional Committee Meets at Portsmouth but Accomplishes Little—Taft and Foraker the Issue Upon Which They are Divided—The Fight Grows Very Interesting.

Portsmouth, O., Dec. 21.—The tenth Republican congressional committee, which met here last night to fix the time and place for holding a congressional convention and named delegates to the next Republican national convention in session at 11:30 p. m. without having accomplished much toward settling the main question at issue; that is, whether or not the petitions circulated in Scioto and Gallia counties by Taft supporters calling for a primary to select national delegates should be recognized. The petitions were signed by thousands of votes. The Taft proposition precipitated a fight in the committee meeting, of which Foraker's friends seemed to be in control.

The first ballot showed a tie, Chairman Harry Bell, who while favorable to Bannan, for congress, man, remained true to Taft, voting with A. R. Johnson of Ironton, and R. M. Switzer of Gallipolis for a primary. Brannon of Scioto, McCormick of Jackson, Bateman of

Pike, voted against it. A deadlock seems unavoidable and the committee may adjourn for several days. As to the congressional situation Bannan seems almost sure to be renominated, for, if his plans carry he will have the support of delegations from Scioto, Gallia and Jackson counties, A. R. Johnson, of course, is a candidate but has opposition in Lawrence, his own county. L. R. Andrews who is backed by the Marting faction, is his opponent. The committee meeting was marked by a clash at the very start, over proxies. Congressman Bannan presented the proxy of E. L. Watts of Adams county, who has moved out of the state, while R. A. Oursler appeared as representative from that county having been chosen during a meeting of that county's executive committee, held by telephone last evening. Oursler was unseated after a heated discussion. Prominent politicians were present from all parts of the state.

HARMON IS A CANDIDATE

Cincinnati Man Has Decided to Get Into the Race Against Bryan.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—The conservative Democrats of Michigan have asked Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, attorney general under President Cleveland, to become a candidate for president, and he has consented to run. They have promised to land the Michigan delegation for him, and already are at work to capture the delegates.

News that a conference was held between the anti-Bryan leaders and Mr. Harmon when he was here Thursday has leaked out. The conference was secret, but National Committeeman Campau, Bryan's lieutenant heard of it and is already fighting the movement.

After the meeting, Mr. Harmon admitted that he was a candidate for the nomination.

LAD WHO STOLE THE JEWELS IS ARRESTED

New York, Dec. 21.—William White, 17 years old, is the confessed thief, according to the police of the \$32,000 package of jewelry stolen from the United States Express company. He was arrested in Jersey City yesterday.

CHANGED HIS MIND

Pettibone Juror Says He Has Something to Say but Will not Talk.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 21.—Immediately after court adjourned Friday afternoon in the Pettibone trial, after a day marked by intense interest, Juror E. L. Evans arose and asked permission of Judge Wood to make a statement of the court and the two leading counselors. Judge Wood replied that it would not be proper for him to speak to them in private, but if he had anything to say he could speak out in open court, as the jury could not be separated. "I have no objection to speaking in the presence of the jury," said Evans, but when Judge Wood instructed him to pass out with the others, he said:

"I do not think that would be proper." The juror was flushed as he spoke, and his eyes were filled with tears. Attorneys of both sides profess to have no intimation of what the juror proposed to tell. Evidence in corroboration of Harry Orchard's testimony was given in the afternoon by Mrs. Ida Tenney, Orchard's second wife.



Aoki Has Not, from the Japanese View, Been Considered Aggressive Enough, Hence His Recall.